

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37, 62, 66-68, 94, 96, and 106 are amended by the instant supplemental preliminary amendment. Claims 21-27, 41-44, 52-61, 69-71, 78-80, 101-105, and 135 are canceled without prejudice to filing continuation application(s) drawn thereto. Claims 136-166 have been added. Accordingly, claims 37-40, 62-68, 75-77, 84-100, 106-134, and 136-166 are pending.

Claim 37 is amended to indicate that the peripheral system is housed within the console. Support for these claim amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 6, lines 21-24.

Claim 62 is amended to indicate that the computer modules are mated with the console through the connector. Support for these claim amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 4, lines 2-6 and page 8, lines 2-4.

Claims 66-68, 94, 96, and 106 are amended to acknowledge antecedent basis for the term "connector".

New claims 136-166 have been added describing additional embodiments of the present invention. Specifically, new independent claim 136 relates to a computer system including a console housing an Ethernet hub controller. Support for this independent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2, page 10, lines 5-7, and page 13, lines 22-23.

New independent claim 141 relates to a computer system comprising a console including a power supply and housing a serial communication hub controller. Support for this independent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 3 and page 7, lines 23-33, and page 8, line 1.

New independent claim 146 relates to a computer system comprising a console including a video switch and housing an Ethernet controller coupled to an external network. Support for this independent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2, page 10, lines 1-2, and 23-26, and page 13, lines 23-25.

New independent claims 151 and 156 relate to a computer system including an Ethernet Hub controller and a SCSI hard disk drive. Support for these independent claim may be found in

the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2, page 10, lines 5-7, page 13, lines 22-23, and page 9, lines 5-6.

New independent claim 161 relates to a computer system comprising a console including a keyboard/mouse switch and an Ethernet controller coupled to an external network. Support for this independent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2 and page 10, lines 1-2 and 17-23.

New independent claim 165 relates to a computer system comprising a console including a power supply and housing an Ethernet controller coupled to an external network. Support for this independent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2, page 7, lines 23-33, page 8, line 1, and page 10, lines 1-2.

Newly added dependent claims 137, 147, 157, and 162 include the console housing a power supply. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2 and page 10, lines 27-32.

Newly added dependent claims 138, 143, 148, and 166 include an enclosure housing a hard disk drive. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2 and page 7, lines 1-12.

New dependent claims 139, 149, 154, 159, and 163 include Giga-bit Ethernet. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 9, line 24.

Newly added dependent claims 140, 145, 150, 155, and 160 include a keyboard/mouse switch. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at Figure 2 page 10, lines 17-23, and page 13, lines 23-25. Dependent claim 145 relates to switching software. Support for this new dependent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 11, lines 1-7.

Newly added dependent claims 142, 152, and 160 include a video switch. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 10, lines 23-26, and page 13, lines 23-25.

Newly added dependent claim 144 includes Ethernet communication. Support for this new dependent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 9, lines 20-24.

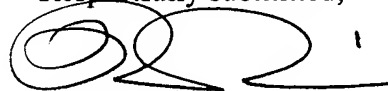
Newly added dependent claim 158 includes a removable hard disk drive. Support for this new dependent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 9, lines 14-15.

Newly added dependent claim 164 includes a command from a keyboard or screen icon. Support for this new dependent claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 6, lines 30-32.

Finally, claims 21-27, 41-44, 52-61, 69-71, 78-80, 101-105, and 135 have been canceled without prejudice in order to allow the addition of the new claims, while maintaining the total number of pending claims substantially unchanged.

No new matter has been introduced into the application by virtue of these claim amendments. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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